

House Resolution 2071

By: Representative Epps of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Claretha Smithers Ector; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Claretha Smithers Ector has long been recognized by the citizens of this
3 state for the vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal
4 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ector has dedicated nearly four decades to molding young minds and
6 challenging students to achieve their utmost potential through her work in the field of
7 education; and

8 WHEREAS, she has taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grades at Cedar Grove Elementary School
9 in Ellenwood, Georgia, for the past 22 years and has been instrumental in developing a
10 successful writing program for students; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Virginia, Mrs. Ector earned a bachelor's degree in education from
12 Virginia State University and a master's degree in education from Troy State University; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to the students of Cedar Grove, she has inspired children to achieve
14 at Ladysmith Elementary School in Virginia and Northside Elementary School in Griffin,
15 where she was named Teacher of the Year in 1987; and

16 WHEREAS, a peer-teacher and role model, Mrs. Ector has served as a spelling bee
17 coordinator, National Junior Beta Club sponsor, grade-level chairperson, and member of the
18 Design Leadership Team; and

19 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband, Moses, and has been blessed
20 with three stepchildren and four grandchildren; and

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21 WHEREAS, her passion for uplifting the lives of others through education and her unique
22 gift for finding a balance between high academic expectations and genuine concern and care
23 for her students serve as an example to all educators; and

24 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
25 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
26 of this outstanding individual.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mrs. Claretha Smithers Ector for her sacrifice, foresight,
29 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and recognize the
30 positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this
31 state.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Claretha Smithers
34 Ector.